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	10/599,124	NAKAYAMA ET AL.	
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	Mi'schita' Henson	2857	

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1. This communication is responsive to amendment filed on October 1, 2008.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8 and 10-13.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to the amendment filed on October 1, 2008. Claim 9 has been cancelled. Claims 4, 8 and 12 have been amended. Claims 1-8 and 9-13 are pending.

Drawings

1. The drawings were received on October 1, 2008. These drawings are accepted.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven Wegman (31,438) on December 17, 2008 at 9:30 AM EST.

Claim 1 lines 7-8 recite “transmission/reception ports that are connected to the network analyzer side ports one by one, and are used to transmit/receive a signal;”, has been amended to recite --transmission and reception ports that are connected to the network analyzer side ports one by one, and are used to transmit and receive a signal;--

Claim 1 line 12 recites “signal before transmitted by said transmission/reception port, and a reception signal”, has been amended to recite --signal prior to transmission by said transmission and reception port, and a reception signal--

Claim 4 line 3 recites “said transmission/reception port”, has been amended to recite --said transmission and reception port--

Claim 4 line 6 recites “said transmission/reception port”, has been amended to recite --said transmission and reception port--

Claim 6 line 8 recites “transmission/reception ports”, has been amended to recite --transmission and reception ports--

Claim 6 line 11 recites “realizing a combination of one”, has been amended to recite --realizing, in a connection operation, a combination of one--

Claim 6 line 15-16 recites “said connection realizing”, has been amended to recite --said connection operation--

Claim 6 lines 17-18 recite “measuring a signal before transmitted by said transmission/reception port, and a received signal”, has been amended to recite -- measuring a signal prior to being transmitted by transmission and reception port, and a resulting signal after said signal has been transmitted--

Claim 8 line 7 recites “transmission/reception ports”, has been amended to recite --transmission and reception ports--

Claim 8 line 13 recites “transmission/reception port”, has been amended to recite --transmission and reception port--

Claim 10 line 8 recites “transmission/reception ports”, has been amended to recite --transmission and reception ports--

Claim 10 line 9 recites “transmit/receive”, has been amended to recite --transmit and receive--

Claim 10 line 14 recites “transmission/reception port”, has been amended to recite --transmission and reception port--

Claim 12 line 3 recites “transmission/reception port”, has been amended to recite --transmission and reception port--

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-8 and 10-13 are allowed (renumbered: 1, 2, 6-12, 3-5, respectively).

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claim 1 is allowed because the closest prior art, Chodora (JP-118853), Lee (2003/0101387) and Yanagawa et al. (5,661,404) fail to anticipate or render obvious a network analyzer that is connected to a test set that comprises network analyzer side ports, device under test side ports that are connected to a device under test, and a port connecting connector that selects any one of the device under test side ports, and connects the selected device under test side port to one of the network analyzer side ports, wherein the device under test side ports constitute a main port group and a sub port group whose connection to the network analyzer side ports is independently set, the network analyzer comprising:

deriving a transmission tracking error other than the transmission tracking error determined by said transmission tracking error determining based on the transmission tracking error determined by said transmission tracking error determining step, in combination with all other limitations in the claim as defined by the applicant.

Claim 6 is allowed because the closest prior art, Chodora (JP-118853), Lee (2003/0101387) and Yanagawa et al. (5,661,404) fail to anticipate or render obvious a transmission tracking error measuring method of measuring a transmission tracking

error of a network analyzer that is connected to a test set that comprises network analyzer side ports, device under test side ports that are connected to a device under test, and a port connector that selects any one of the device under test side ports, and connects the selected device under test side port to one of the network analyzer side ports, wherein the device under test side ports constitute a main port group and a sub port group whose connection to the network analyzer side ports is independently set, the network analyzer comprising:

deriving a transmission tracking error other than the transmission tracking error determined by said transmission tracking error determining based on the transmission tracking error determined by said transmission tracking error determining step, in combination with all other limitations in the claim as defined by the applicant.

Claim 8 is allowed because the closest prior art, Chodora (JP-118853), Lee (2003/0101387) and Yanagawa et al. (5,661,404) fail to anticipate or render obvious a network analyzing method of analyzing the net work by using a network analyzer that is connected to a test set that comprises network analyzer side ports, device under test side ports that are connected to a device under test, and a port connector that selects any one of the device under test side ports, and connects the selected device under test side port to one of the network analyzer side ports, wherein the device under test side ports constitute a main port group and a sub port group whose connection to the network analyzer side ports is independently set, the network analyzer comprising:

deriving a transmission tracking error other than the transmission tracking error determined by said transmission tracking error determining based on the transmission

tracking error determined by said transmission tracking error determining step, in combination with all other limitations in the claim as defined by the applicant.

Claim 10 is allowed because the closest prior art, Chodora (JP-118853), Lee (2003/0101387) and Yanagawa et al. (5,661,404) fail to anticipate or render obvious a computer-readable medium having a program of instructions for execution by the computer to perform a processing for analyzing a network by using a network analyzer that is connected to a test set that comprises network analyzer side ports, device under test side ports that are connected to a device under test, and a port connector that selects any one of the device under test side ports, and connects the selected device under test side port to one of the network analyzer side ports, wherein the device under test side ports constitute a main port group and a sub port group whose connection to the network analyzer side ports is independently set, the network analyzer comprising:

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments, pages 12-13 of remarks, filed October 1, 2008, with respect to claims have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1, 8 and 10 has been withdrawn.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Krekels et al. in US Patent 6,081,125 teaches a network analyzer having one or two test ports each of which is connected via fourports to measuring points the measured values of which are analyzed in an evaluation means that includes a memory for storing system errors which have been determined during a calibration operation and must be taken into account for the object measurement, there is provided a calibration twoport between at least one of said test ports and said fourport of the associated measuring points, said calibration twoport being adapted to be switched from a basic state to two further switching states, and said calibration twoport differs in one of said further switching states from the basic switching state at least in transmission and in the other one of said further switching states differs at least in reflection from the basic switching state.

Bockelman et al. in US Patent 5,793,213 teaches A calibration standard (204) provides interconnection between measurement ports (212, 214, 216) of a network analyzer (202) having at least three measurement ports. Once the measurement ports (212, 214, 216) of the network analyzer (202) are interconnected, a non-zero signal

transfer is generated between each of the measurement ports and at least one other measurement port as part of the calibration process. Interconnecting all of the measurement ports (212, 214, 216) together and generating non-zero signal transfers characterizes the relative relationship between the ports during the calibration process. The calibration standard (204) can also provide a desired level of mode conversion.

Adamain in US Patent 5,578,932 teaches a method and apparatus for providing a programmable broadband, highly stable and repeatable multistate electronic transfer standard to be used in determining the systematic errors of a VNA.

In a first illustrative embodiment of the present invention, an apparatus for converting a two-port vector network analyzer to an N-port vector network analyzer and for calibrating the N-port vector network analyzer includes a test set having a first port coupled to a first port of the two port vector network analyzer, a second port coupled to a second port of the two-port vector network analyzer, and N-ports. The test set includes a circuit that selectively couples one of the N-ports of the test set to the second port of the test set. The apparatus also includes a multi-state transfer standard having N-ports coupled, respectively, to the N-ports of the test set. The multi-state transfer standard provides, at each of the N-ports of the multi-state transfer standard, a plurality of conditions necessary to calibrate the two-port vector network analyzer.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mi'schita' Henson whose telephone number is (571) 270-3944. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eliseo Ramos-Feliciano can be reached on (571) 272-7925. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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